



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary
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The Honorable Mitch Daniels
Governor
State of Indiana
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Governor Daniels:

This is in response to your letter of September 22, 2005, requesting a disaster designation for 24 Indiana counties due to losses caused by cool, wet weather followed by drought that occurred from May 1, 2005, through August 31, 2005. Those counties are:

Bartholomew	Elkhart	Jasper	Lake	Porter	Starke
Clark	Floyd	Jefferson	Newton	Posey	Switzerland
Crawford	Harrison	Kosciusko	Ohio	Scott	Warrick
Dearborn	Jackson	La Porte	Orange	St. Joseph	Washington

The Department of Agriculture has reviewed the Damage Assessment Reports for all 24 counties along with the additional information submitted by the State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency (FSA). Based on this review, it has been determined that all counties sustained sufficient production losses to warrant a Secretarial disaster designation. Therefore, I am designating all 24 Indiana counties named above, as primary natural disaster areas.

In accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following additional areas of your State are named as contiguous disaster counties:

Benton	Fulton	Lawrence	Perry	Spencer
Brown	Gibson	Marshall	Pike	Vanderburgh
Decatur	Jennings	Martin	Pulaski	Wabash
Dubois	Johnson	Monroe	Ripley	White
Franklin	Lagrange	Noble	Shelby	Whitley